WHO IS "THE GOD?" Acts 17:24-29 Who Created Heaven & Earth v. 24 Who Originates & Sustains Life v. 25-26 Whom Everyone Seeks v. 27-28 **THEREFORE NOT REPRESENTED BY, NOR CONTAINED IN PHYSICAL STRUCTURES** "SHAPED BY ART AND MAN'S DEVISING" V. 29 **THE BIBLE IS THE GRADUAL REVELATION OF THE LIVING GOD 1.Proves His Existence (***Elohim*=God): a. Matter from Nothing! Genesis 1:1 **b. Order & Design Genesis 1:2-25 2. Established His People (Jehovah=LORD)** Exodus 3:13-15; 6:2-3

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"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" Genesis 1:26

But men said, "Let us make God in our image, according to our beliefs." Idolatry/Materialism/Human Pride

Mankind feels free to have "designer gods," of their own invention!



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2. INNER ADORATION Ephesians 5:5: "For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God"



Romans 12:16: "Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."

#3. The idol god of pluralism. "Other gods" "In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes" Judges 21:25.

"The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel *is* wise" Proverbs 12:15

Luke 16:15: "And He said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION? "instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen" Acts 7:44 **FIRST: Avoid Idolatry** 1 Corinthians 10:14 1 John 5:21 **Galatians 5:19-20 SECOND:** Obey God **1** Corinthians 8:4 **1** Thessalonians 1:8-10 Mark 16:15-16